

According to the Mississippi Agricultural Statistics Service, there were 6.8 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending November 4, 2001**. Dry weather has allowed harvest to continue at a rapid pace, however rain would be welcomed for fall plantings. Soil moisture was rated 1 percent very short, 29 percent short, 68 percent adequate, and 2 percent surplus.

Progress In Percentages						Conditions in Percentages				
Item	Event	This Week	Last Week	2000	5-Yr Avg	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Cotton	Harvested	89	76	99	95	--	--	--	--	--
Rice	Harvested	99	98	100	99	--	--	--	--	--
Soybeans	Harvested	95	89	97	91	--	--	--	--	--
Wheat	Planted	71	51	64	75	0	0	18	50	32
	Emerged	50	29	22	47					
Sweetpotatoes	Harvested	97	93	98	91	--	--	--	--	--
Cattle						1	2	19	65	13
Pasture						2	7	40	43	8

County Agent Comments

“Dry weather the last two weeks has enabled producers to almost complete harvest. Some fall work is taking place in preparation for a new crop.”

— Tommy Baird, Sunflower County

“Soybean harvest is going good, with yields running above average. Ryegrass needs a good rain. Most beef and dairy farmers have completed hay harvest. Pecans are very plentiful this year, but we are seeing a lot of damage and disease.”

— Richard Hay, Amite County

“Corn and Soybean harvest are complete. Early planted winter grazing looks good, but is in bad need of a rain. Over seeding of permanent pastures with ryegrass should be completed by next week.”

— Mark Mowdy, Franklin County

“Cattle and pastures are in good shape but soil moisture is waning fast in winter pastures. A significant rain event is badly needed, especially for those pastures planted since October 15th.”

— Don Bales, Wilkinson County

“Pastures are starting to show signs of stress due to lack of rain.”

— Walter Walker, Jackson County

“Most ryegrass for winter grazing has been planted. There is some acreage that will be drilled in the next week or two. A lot of ryegrass is up but is in desperate need of rain. Commercial vegetables such as turnips and collards need the rain also. Cattle are in good shape and there is plenty of hay.”

— Chuck Grantham, Jones County

“Cotton harvest is complete. Preliminary yields are in the 1-3/4 bale per acre range. Soybean harvest is continuing, and yields look good so far. Many producers turned in on ryegrass last week. Conditions are rather dry. Rain would be a welcome sight for most livestock producers.”

— Victor Lee, Newton County

“Dry weather is beginning to cause a lot of problems. Dry dusty conditions are causing health problems for stocker cattle and winter grazing is at a standstill. Need a good soaking rain and everyone's attitude would improve.”

— Mike Keene, Perry County

Weather Summary from October 29, 2001 to November 4, 2001 for Mississippi													
District/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				4 Inch Soil Temperature			Avg Pan Evap
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	DFN	Rain Days	Four Weeks	Max	Min	Avg	
1. Upper Delta													
Clarksdale	80	35	57	58	-1	0.00	-0.94	0	1.65				
Cleveland	81	33	57			0.00		0	7.17				
Tunica	80	36	58	57	+ 1	0.00	-0.95	0	5.70	60	47	51	0.98
Extreme/Average	81	33	57	58	-1	0.00	-0.97	0	4.84	60	47	51	0.98
2. North-Central													
Holly Springs						0.00	-1.03	0	7.73				0.10
Memphis	81	38	62	57	+ 5	0.00	-0.90	0	6.07				
Oxford	82	31	59	55	+ 4	0.00	-1.04	0	4.78				
Extreme/Average	82	31	60	57	+ 3	0.00	-0.98	0	6.19				0.10
3. Northeast													
Booneville	79	30	56	56	0	0.00	-0.98	0	9.03				
Corinth	81	28	57	56	+ 1	0.00	-0.97	0	5.67				
Iuka	80	23	52			0.00		0	6.81				
Pontotoc				57		0.00	-0.89	0	6.80				0.09
Tupelo	80	32	58	57	+ 1	0.00	-0.90	0	6.96				
Verona													
Extreme/Average	81	23	56	56	0	0.00	-0.96	0	7.05				0.09
4. Lower Delta													
Belzoni													
Greenwood	82	34	61	59	+ 2	0.00	-0.98	0	3.73				
Rolling Fork	83	35	59	59	0	0.00	-0.95	0	1.67	79	56	67	0.11
Stoneville	84	34	60	59	+ 1	0.00	-1.00	0	3.80	75	51	63	0.14
Yazoo City	82	31	57	61	-4	0.00	-0.98	0	3.50				
Extreme/Average	84	31	59	60	-1	0.00	-0.99	0	3.18	79	51	65	0.13
5. Central													
Carthage						0.00	-0.92	0	3.98				
Jackson	81	32	60	60	0	0.00	-0.89	0	2.46				
Winona	80	28	54	56	-2	0.00	-0.92	0	4.23				
Extreme/Average	81	28	57	59	-2	0.00	-0.94	0	3.56				
6. East-Central													
Brooksville						0.00	-0.80	0	3.43				
Columbus	81	30	55	58	-3	0.00	-0.88	0	3.76				
State University	81	29	60	59	+ 1	0.00	-0.80	0	4.73	66	54	61	0.10
Extreme/Average	81	29	57	58	-1	0.00	-0.87	0	3.97	66	54	61	0.10
7. Southwest													
Crystal Springs	81	35	61			0.00		0	3.07	79	54	66	
Natchez	81	32	62	63	-1	0.00	-0.98	0	3.24				
Oakley	86	29	60	59	+ 1	0.00	-0.92	0	3.21	84	52	66	
Vicksburg	81	34	59			0.00		0	4.58				
Extreme/Average	86	29	61	61	0	0.00	-0.93	0	3.53	84	52	66	
8. South-Central													
Columbia	82	34	59	62	-3	0.00	-0.81	0	2.75				
McComb	82	35	63	61	+ 2	0.00	-0.86	0	3.27				
Extreme/Average	82	34	61	61	0	0.00	-0.84	0	3.01				
9. Southeast													
Beaumont	88	30	57			0.00		0	5.17				
Hattiesburg	82	34	61	61	0	0.00	-0.88	0	5.09				
Laurel	82	33	58	60	-2	0.00	-0.77	0	3.33				
Meridian	83	30	59	59	0	0.00	-0.81	0	4.07				
Newton	82	27	56	58	-2	0.00	-0.83	0	4.22	69	47	58	0.10
Extreme/Average	88	27	58	60	-2	0.00	-0.81	0	4.38	69	47	58	0.10
10. Coastal													
Bay St Louis	85	40	64			0.00		0	3.10				
Biloxi AFB	81	43	65			0.00		0	1.45				
Gulfport	82	40	64	65	-1	0.00	-0.74	0	3.03				
Pascagoula	84	35	63			0.00		0	1.18				
Poplarville	82	40	62	63	-1	0.00	-0.81	0	5.05	80	53	70	0.17
Extreme/Average	85	35	64	64	0	0.00	-0.75	0	2.76	80	53	70	0.17
State	88	23	59	59	0	0.00	-0.90	0	4.18	84	47	62	0.17

DFN = Departure from Normal.